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Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to Meet Presentation to focus on data collection

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 26, 2010) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a quarterly public meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, in the conference room of the commission, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort.

A presentation will be made on the natural heritage process that collects data on rare species and natural communities and provides a science-based foundation for our conservation projects.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Leslie Isaman at KSNPC by March 1 at 502-573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or via the Internet (www.naturepreserves.ky.gov).